

Los Angeles County Assessor JEFF PRANG



SPECIAL BULLETIN

Friends,

Today, we are once again horrified to learn that eight people have been killed, including six Asian American women, in attacks around the Atlanta area. We have become all too familiar with these types of hate crimes against Asian Americans, African Americans, the LGBTQ and Jewish communities, women, Latinos, and other people of color. This is simply intolerable and un-American.

Over the course of the last year, we have tragically witnessed a significant spike in crimes against our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, with hateful rhetoric coming from some of our top leaders. As COVID-19 was repeatedly politicized and called the "China virus," the message clearly targeted members of our community and put them at risk. Words matter. Words from our leaders matter even more. It will take time and a commitment from us all to undo the damage of the previous administration that led to this terrible spike in anti-Asian hate crimes. We must work together to send the message that hate, in any form and against anyone, will not be tolerated in America.

If you have witnessed or experienced a hate crime, please report it to the County's Hate Crime Reporting portal <u>here</u>, or by calling 211. Community organizations have also been doing incredible work in tracking hate crimes – you can report your experience to them below.

Stop AAPI Hate – <u>stopaapihate.org</u>
Asian Americans Advancing Justice – <u>standagainsthatred.org</u>

In solidarity, **JEFF PRANG**Assessor, Los Angeles County



Assessor Prang was first elected in 2014 and is the 27th Assessor for Los Angeles County. He runs the largest office of its kind in the nation, employing 1,400 people with an annual budget cresting near \$200 million. The 2020 assessment roll topped out near \$1.77 trillion and provides about \$17 billion in vital public services. For more information, please visit us online at Assessor.LACounty.gov, on Facebook at Facebook.com/LACAssessor, or on Twitter at @LACAssessor.

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